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Amendments to the Specification

Please amended the paragraph beginning on line 27 of page 8 as indicated:

Referring to FIG. 6, operation of an embodiment of server cluster 101 is illustrated in a conceptualized format analogous to the illustration of the operation of the conventional server cluster 118 presented in FIG. 3. Similar to FIG. 3, FIG. 6 depicts a series of clients requests that are received by server cluster 101. Server cluster 101 includes a request distributor 116 analogous to request distributor 126 of server cluster 118 that forwards each of the received requests to a server in the cluster. As depicted in FIG. 6, server 110 has been deactivated at a time when target files A and E are in its file cache 122 while server 111 has been deactivated at a time when target files B and F are in its file cache 122. Prior to deactivation, directories of these file caches have been broadcast to servers 112 and 113. When a subsequent request for a target file contained in the file caches 122 of deactivated servers 110 or server 111 are received by server cluster 101 and routed by request distributor 116 to one of the remaining active servers ~~(122 or 123)~~ (112 or 113), the active server handling the request retrieves the requested target files from the system memory of the appropriate deactivated ~~server~~ server using the DMA capability of the deactivated server's NIC. In this manner, response performance is improved by reducing accesses to disk storage ~~114 125~~. Thus, FIG. 6 illustrates a retrieval of target files A and E by server 112 from file cache 122 of deactivated server 110 and a retrieval of target files B and F by server 113 from file cache 122 of deactivated server 111. This DMA retrieval of files from the system memories of deactivated servers on the cluster is contrasted to the retrieval of requested files from disk storage as depicted in FIG. 3 when a requested file resides in the file cache of a deactivated server.

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